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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled RUNFLAT TIRE HAVING A RUBBERIZED INSERT CONTAINING 1,6-BIS(N,N'-DIBENZYLTHIOCARBZMOYLDITHIO)-HEXANE the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto. as Application Serial No. _____ and was was filed on __ (if applicable). amended on I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: August 3, 2000 (Filing Date) (Application Serial No.) (Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) or §365 of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: (Filing Date) (Status)(patented, pending, abandoned) (Application Serial No.) (Application Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status)(patented, pending, abandoned) **POWER OF ATTORNEY** As named inventor(s), I or we hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Bruce J Hendricks Registration No. 30,262 Registration No. 30,417 Alvin T Rockhill 24,432 Registration No. James A Rozmajzl 22,329 Registration No. Henry C Young I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. Full name of sole and first inventor (given name, family name): Georges Marcel Victor Thielen George Moral Victor Thiele Date: 02-23 . 2001 Inventor's signature: ___ Residence: L-4995 Schouweiler, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Citizen of: Luxembourg Post Office Address: 49 Rue GD Charlotte, L-4995, Schouweiler, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg Additional inventors are being named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto. **DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:** SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO: The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Bruce J. Hendricks, Patent Attorney Patent & Trademark Department - D/823 (330) 796-3151 1144 East Market Street

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